

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—MARCH 14, 2002

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2018. A bill to establish the T'uif Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area within the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico to resolve a land claim involving the Sandia Mountain Wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; jointly, pursuant to the order of March 14, 2002, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have twenty calendar days, excluding any period where the Senate is not in session for more than three days, to report or be discharged.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—MARCH 15, 2002

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 2020. A bill to establish the Department of National Border Security; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2021. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2022. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the unrelated business income limitation on investment in certain debt-financed properties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 2023. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an increase in expensing under section 179; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 2024. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize use of electric personal assistive mobility device on trails and pedestrian walkways constructed or maintained with Federal-aid highway funds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 159

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 159, a bill to elevate the Environmental Protection Agency to a cabinet level department, to redesignate the Environmental Protection Agency as the Department of Environmental Protection Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 490

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 490, a bill to provide

grants to law enforcement agencies that ensure that law enforcement officers employed by such agencies are afforded due process when involved in a case that may lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, or transfer.

S. 1258

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1258, a bill to improve academic and social outcomes for teenage youth.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to support business incubation in academic settings.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to increase the hiring of firefighters, and for other purposes.

S. 1876

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1876, a bill to establish a National Foundation for the Study of Holocaust Assets.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States.

S. 1984

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1984, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to nonprofit tax-exempt organizations for the purchase of ultrasound equipment to provide free examinations to pregnant women needing such services, and for other purposes.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1991, to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, improve security and service on Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1995

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. RES. 206

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 206, a resolution designating the week of March 17 through

March 23, 2002 as "National Inhalants and Poison Prevention Week."

S. RES. 219

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 219, a resolution expressing support for the democratically elected Government of Colombia and its efforts to counter threats from United States-designated foreign terrorist organizations.

AMENDMENT NO. 3008

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3008 proposed to S. 517, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 2020. A bill to establish the Department of National Border Security; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Mr. GREGG. Madam President, I rise today to introduce a piece of legislation which tries to address one of the oppressive problems we have in confronting the issues of terrorism in our country as we move forward; that is, checking our borders and making sure we have control over the people who are coming into our country and how they can come into our country.

As a nation, we have traditionally had very open borders, which is something in which we take great pride. Unfortunately, people who wish to cause us harm, people who wish to kill Americans, people who wish to kill Americans by the thousands, and who have stated that their sole purpose in life is to kill Americans, have taken advantage of that openness. Certainly we saw on September 11 the situation that occurred.

We have 100,000 miles of coastline, 2,000 miles of land border with Mexico, and 4,000 miles of land border with Canada. Last year, we had 127 million automobiles come across those borders, 11 million trucks, 2 million railcars, and 1 million commercial airplanes. More than 500 million people were admitted to the United States last year. You can see that our borders are aggressively used.

There is great international commerce, which there should be, and we want to continue that. But one of the problems we have is that the agencies responsible for managing our borders have been disoriented, dysfunctional, spread about, and uncoordinated. We have seen some really horrendous instances of mismanagement. We have also seen instances that have occurred as a result of failure of communication. We have seen failures that have